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CROWN PRIDE, CYBERKNIFE, TIZ THE BOMB BREEZE IN PREPARATION FOR KENTUCKY DERBY

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, April 16, 2022) – With three weeks remaining until the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I), the trio of **Crown Pride (JPN)** (six furlongs, 1:18.60), **Cyberknife** (five furlongs, 1:00) and **Tiz the Bomb** (four furlongs, :48.40) worked toward their next start in the Run for the Roses on Saturday, May 7.

Gold Square's \$1.25 million Arkansas Derby winner Cyberknife worked at 9 a.m. (all times Eastern) outside of multiple stakes-placed stablemate **Tommy Bee**. Cyberknife started two lengths behind Tommy Bee and completed fractions of :12.20, :23.80 and :47.20. Cyberknife finished even with Tommy Bee around the seven eighths pole and easily galloped out six furlongs in 1:15.40.

"I thought he looked great," said trainer **Brad Cox**, who watched the breeze from the Millionaires Row balcony. "He's done well at Churchill in the past and really likes it here."

About 90 minutes earlier, **Magdalena Lessee's** Tiz the Bomb, who won the \$600,000 Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII) last month, worked with jockey **Brian Hernandez Jr.** in the irons. The duo clipped an opening quarter-mile in :24.20 and galloped out five furlongs in 1:01.20.

Moments later, exercise rider **Masa Matsuda** breezed **Teruya Yoshida's** \$1 million UAE Derby (GII) winner Crown Pride (JPN) six furlongs from the half-mile pole. The duo easily completed opening fractions of :14.60, :28.20, :54 and 1:06.20. Crown Pride (JPN) steadily picked up his work around the turn and onto the backside before completing his move through seven furlongs in 1:32.40.

Churchill Downs received about 0.2 inches of rain overnight, according to the National Weather Service. The track was sealed for the first two hours of training but dried out by the 7:30 a.m. track renovation break and was harrowed. It was labeled as "good" for the final 2 ½ hours of training.

In other Kentucky Derby news, Arkansas Derby runner-up **Barber Road** arrived at Churchill Downs early Saturday morning and is stabled in Barn 46 with trainer **John Ortiz**. He's scheduled to work twice prior to the Kentucky Derby.

Florida Derby (GI) runner-up **Charge It** was scheduled to ship from his South Florida base to Churchill Downs on Saturday. He and the rest of Hall of Fame trainer **Todd Pletcher's** contingent will be based in Barn 35. Pletcher is planning to keep a full-time barn at Churchill Downs throughout the spring and summer.

Likely Kentucky Derby favorite **Epicenter** is scheduled to breeze early Sunday at Churchill Downs.

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